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Pelican dies at Kukkarahalli Lake

- Death brings back memories of Bird Flu scare
- Forest Dept. collects samples

The exhausted Spot-Billed Pelican found at Kukkarahalli Lake yesterday noon. The bird died at night.

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&BCT)- The death of a Spot-Billed Pelican at Kukkarahalli Lake yesterday has worried bird-lovers of city and they have demanded a thorough probe to find out the exact cause for the bird's death.

Citing past incidents of Bird Flu that rocked Mysuru Zoo, bird-lovers have urged the authorities to take preventive measures before an outbreak.

There was a Bird Flu (Avian Influenza) scare at Kukkarahalli Lake last year following the death of a couple of Pelicans and the Zoo was closed for a month in January 2017.

(See PELICAN on page 6)

Deepavali rush in Markets, cracker sale dips

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (US&RK)- With Deepavali, the Festival of Lights, being celebrated from tomorrow, heavy rush was observed in city markets this morning with people buying puja articles. Rush was also seen in cloth shops and sweetmeat stalls. But not many were seen at cracker stalls in J.K. Grounds and other places as rains for the last couple of days have literally dampened the spirit of people.

Also, people seem to have become aware of pollution by burning crackers and thus have refrained from lavish spending on crackers. Most of the owners of cracker stalls posed a pensive look, being apprehensive over poor earnings with rain playing spoilsport.

There was not much increase in prices of fruits and vegetables. Price of chrysanthemum *(sevanthige)* flower, the popular variety for the festival, saw a little jump with a standard length going at Rs. 50 or Rs. 60. The price of the same flower had nosedived recently to around Rs. 20 owing to a glut.

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Tolerating *tolerance*

The sentiment attached to the expression *Mother Earth* seems to have got fractured in today's society lost in the humdrum of life, mistakenly perceived as *development,* in the wake of unabated vandalising all that the past generations have bequeathed in the form of rivers, greenery, lakes, fertile land and also hills as well as mountains, not to forget the rich stock of flora ad fauna. Pace of life appears to cloud the pace of development at the cost of earth's gifts and to their peril. All this, unarguably, is the result of the hapless sections of populations in virtually all nooks and corners of the planet *tolerating* the overdone development in the mistaken notion of *development.* Tolerance, as a virtue prescribed by the land's savants of the distant past seems to be the undoing of the civilised sections of society falling prey to the despots in the country's, nay the world's ruling classes. In a mockery of the time-honoured saying *victory of good over evil,* that we heard during the just celebrated festival *Navaratri,* we are speechless witnesses to its opposite, given the overwhelming clout of the evil elements in the land over the masses. The reticent behaviour of the majority is inappropriately dubbed as *tolerance.*

Public speakers of all hues take fascination to glorify India as a country of unity in diversity, highlighting the noble nature of its diaspora marked by tolerance for the faith and lingo of the masses. Many would unhesitatingly question the reality of their verdict, given the reports of clashes triggered by trivialities. When it comes to bigger issues, one has to only read the reports in dailies.

The misdemeanour committed by the land's people identifying themselves in multiple ways, particularly the faith they follow, the language they speak, the region they live in, the attire they wear, the trades they practice, the jobs they do for livelihood and so on may result in law suits landing in the land's Courts, but tolerating the number of those suits unheard by the judges and undecided by them, reportedly exceeding three crore, appears to be well past the *limits* of tolerance. The behaviour of fellow-citizens, particularly fouling up living spaces, indulging in graft, not giving up use of single-use plastic products, answering nature's call on roadsides, speaking loudly and hurtingly using indecent words, sulking at workplace and what have you, amply testifies the national character of Indians as tolerating tolerance as it were.

By way of arresting the possible confusion or contradictions in the foregoing paragraphs, it may be required to make a reference here to the issue of intolerance on various counts, including the policies and programmes of Governments. The choice between tolerating tolerance and intolerance per se is left to the readers, as the consequences are not hard to visualise.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Getting a haircut was a simple affair when I was a child. One went to a barber and submitted oneself to his ministrations. Muniappan always began by scolding me; I should have come at least a month ago he would say. Amma insisted that my older brother and I should have short hair, and we were sent to Muniappan regularly. Muniappan always appeared menacing, with his scissors going snip-snip-snip even before he cut hair. He used the tools of his trade vigorously, and entertained no complaints. All this for eight annas (half-a-rupee).

— Sudhir Vombatkere in The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Lovely eyelashes turn Cocker Spaniels into social media stars

Milan: A pair of adorable cocker spaniel puppies are giving beauty influencers and supermodels a run for their money.

If there was such a thing as a canine beauty influencer, Cocker Spaniel twins Cloe and Nena would most certainly fit the bill perfectly. Not only do they sport luscious eyelashes measuring a whopping 6-cm-long, but they also appear to love getting groomed by their owner, 22-year-old Vittoria Di Castri, including having mascara applied on their lashes to highlight their main features. Some people have a hard time believing the two pooches' eyelashes aren't fake, but Di Castri insists they are all natural.

Di Castri trims and combs her cocker spaniels' lashes from time to time before they grow too much. She has even applied mascara on them to enhance their enviable features.

The pooches might be new to the world of social media but they have been winning over dog lovers from all corners of the globe.

Engagement Ring 'Diamond' made from nail clippings

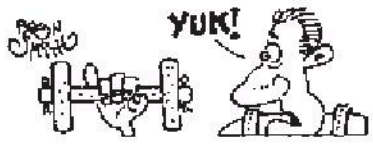
Tokyo: Kiwami, a Japanese DIY master, recently took on a different kind of challenge – creating an engagement ring with a gem made out of nail clippings he allegedly collected for a year.

He kept them all in a jar, and this summer turned them into a black gen that any woman would consider herself lucky to wear on her finger, provided she didn't know what it was made of, of course.

The video recently wet viral after being picked up by a Hong Kong newspaper. While admittedly disgusted by the material used by Kiwami, most users said they found the making-of process and the result of his work fascinating.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much bacteria does gym equipment contain?



A recent study revealed that free weights had 362 times more bacteria than a toilet seat. Treadmills had 74 times more bacteria than a tap in a public rest room. Exercise bikes had 39 times more bacteria than a cafeteria tray. To lower your risk of illness, thoroughly wash hands after using gym equipment.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Free Basic Computer Training for unemployed youths

Mysuru, Oct.26 - The District Employment Exchange Office will be conducting Free Basic Computer Training for the benefit of unemployed youths (men and women) from Mysuru district from Nov.4 to Dec.4 between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm.

Those in the age group of 18-35 years with a minimum education qualification of SSLC pass are eligible. Those interested may register their names at the District Employment Exchange Office in the premises of Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), N.R. Mohalla. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2489972, according to a press release from the District Employment Exchange Office Assistant Director D.M. Rani.

Expo of Fine Arts, Handicrafts

Mysuru, Oct.26- The Fine Arts and Handicrafts Division, set up by Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) as part of Dasara Exhibition - 2019, has invited applications from State and District-level artists and students to take part in the Art and Craft Expo to be held at the Exhibition Grounds.

Artists can submit their artworks and crafts before Oct.27 to Fine Arts and Handicrafts Division at Dasara Exhibition Grounds. For details, contact Mob: 99644-10760, according to a press release from the Fine Arts and Handicrafts Sub-Committee Member-Secretary.

Entries invited for Kannada award

Mysuru, Oct.26- Bengaluru-based Atmashri Kannada Samskruthika Prathishtana has invited entries from achievers from different fields for conferment of 'Kannada Naadu-Nudi Sevaratna' and 'Kannada Maanikya Ratna' awards.

Achievers in fields such as education, social service, medical etc., can send entries along with supporting records to the Prathishtana Office at No. 674,10th C-Cross, 8th Main, 3rd Phase, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079, before Nov.10. For details, call Mob: 94482-60417 or 90367-63855.

Really...?

- ***The planet has a waistline.***
- ***Earth is a squashed sphere; Earth is on the move; Earth is old.***
- ***The planet moves around the sun; The planet is recycled.***
- ***The Earth isn't just spinning: It's also moving around the sun at 67,000 miles (107,826 km) per hour.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

My neighbour lady from the opposite building kept waving her hands at me for a few minutes continuously, as I stood in my balcony.

Thrilled, I waved back at the beautiful woman with all smiles. My wife came out to the balcony, hit hard on my head and said ***"She is cleaning the glass window, come in and start the Deepavali cleaning now !"***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 70.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 90.86
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.28
1 Euro	= Rs.78.49

VOICE OF THE READER

Install mini drinking water dispensing units in AC buses

Sir,

The recent move by the KSRTC to discontinue with the practise of supplying drinking water bottles to passengers of AC buses is welcome. The move comes at a time when the entire nation has pledged for a plastic-free country and such a positive step by KSRTC towards environment is highly appreciated.

It is given to understand the innovative 'BYOB-Bring Your Own Bottles' campaign by KSRTC aims to encourage passengers to bring potable drinking water during travel while discarding plastic bottle usage and thus promote for the cause of a plastic-free environment. The campaign further helps bus passengers to only adopt smart and simple ways to lead a lifestyle by zero dependency on plastics.

While KSRTC is at the forefront of such a campaign to encourage plastic-free environment, it is also suggested to at least provide the facility of mini water dispensers inside AC buses for the benefit of passengers travelling overnight. This suggestion of mini water dispensers on-board needs to be considered by KSRTC in the best interest of passengers' well being, good health, travel and comfort.

Hence it is suggested to KSRTC to install mini drinking water dispensing units on an experimental basis inside the AC buses. The move will highly benefit overnight bus passengers travelling on long AC bus routes like Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad etc. The suggestion may be considered by KSRTC to be introduced on an experimental basis and may be implemented based on necessary technical feasibility.

—Varun Dambal

Bengaluru
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Free eye check-up camp

Mysuru, Oct. 26- Jos Alukkas, Mysuru, in association with Bhagawan Mahaveer Darshan Eye Hospital, will be conducting a free eye check-up camp for public at the jewellery showroom premises, opposite Woodland theatre tomorrow (Oct.27) between 11 am and 2 pm, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Talk on J&K this evening

The Karnataka Chapter of Indian Historical Records Committee, in association with Bengaluru based Sri Baba Saheb Amte Memorial Committee Trust, has organised a talk on 'Jammu & Kashmir - Before and After Article 370' at Madhava Krupa on JLB Road at 5.30 pm today (Oct.26). Jammu & Kashmir Studies Centre member G. Dilip Kachroo will deliver the talk. Senior RSS leaders G. Venkatram and G. Rajesh will be present.

English discourse at Suttur tomorrow

Vijayapura Jnanayogaashrama Seer Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji will deliver a discourse in English at Suttur Mutt in Nanjangud taluk at 6.30 am tomorrow (Oct.27). Vehicle arrangement will be made from JSS Mahavidyapeetha in city at 5.30 am on Sunday. For details, call Mob: 97413-42222, according to a press release.

Examination postponed

The Institute of Chartered Accounts of India (ICAI) examination that was scheduled for B.Com 5th semester students on Nov. 2 will be held on Nov.19, according to a press release from University of Mysore Registrar (Examination). Except for the examination mentioned above, there shall be no changes in the time-table of other papers.

Don't Wait - Lose Weight contest

WELLNESST Health Care Centre has organised a unique "Don't Wait - Lose Weight" contest from Oct. 26 to Nov. 26. It is open to those in the age group of 18 to 60 years. The contest will be held at the Centre premises on Kalidasa Road. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4850708 or Mob: 63645-75767.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	6,741 cusecs
Outflow	6,491 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.89 ft
Inflow	8,551 cusecs
Outflow	9,050 cusecs

He stayed for 15 hours inside a 50-ft gorge; rescued

Siddapur (Kodagu), Oct.26 (US)- A man who had accidentally slipped and fallen into a 50-ft gorge at Kallukore village in Somwarpet taluk 15 hours ago was rescued by Fire Brigade personnel yesterday.

Manjunath of Hosur village in Polibetta was said to be returning home on Thursday evening on foot when he slipped and fell into the gorge. Caught amid bushes with water down, Manjunath was unable to climb up and began crying for help all through the night.

Yesterday morning a few villagers, on hearing the cries of Manjunath tried to retrieve him using ropes but to no avail. Hosur Gram Panchayat President Gopi Chinnappa alerted the Fire Brigade at Gonikoppal who rushed to the spot and rescued Manjunath after struggling for an hour. He was rushed to government hospital in Gonikoppal. Assistant Fire Officer Kalappa and staff Kiran, Manju, Patil and Chavan were lauded by the villagers.

Two nabbed while trying to sell elephant tusk

Mysuru, Oct. 26 - Forest Mobile Squad arrested two persons while selling an elephant tusk. The accused are Suresh alias Kulla, a resident of Junglehaadi in Virajpet and Chethan, a resident of Kattekeri in Mandya.

Mobile squads sleuths, based on a tip-off, nabbed the duo near Anechowkur in Periyapatna and recovered a 20 kg tusk and a Tata Indica car (KA-12-B-0292). The nabbing operation was supervised by Chief Conservator Of Forests (Mobile Squad) CCF T. Heeralal.

Police nab duo involved in mobile thefts during Jumboo Savari

Mysuru, Oct. 26 - The City Crime Branch (CCB) on Oct. 24 arrested two persons who were allegedly involved in mobile phone thefts. The accused are Tausif Pasha, a resident of Kalyanagiri and Firoz Pasha, a resident of Ghousianagar.

According to the Police, the accused were nabbed near M.A.R Mobile Shop on Akbar Road in Mandi Mohalla while they were moving around with a black cover with stolen mobile phones. On enquiry, the duo confessed to have lifted mobile phones from people who had gathered to watch Jumboo Savari on New Sayyaji Rao Road near Bamboo Bazaar.

The Police have recovered eight mobile phones worth Rs. 1.60 lakh of different companies. The case has been handed over to Mandi Police Station for further investigation.

Man sentenced to life for killing wife

Mysuru, Oct.26 (SBD&DM)- The Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court here has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife.

Rajesh alias Raju of Lingapura Colony in Periyapatna taluk is the one who has been sentenced.

Rajesh, an alcoholic, used to pester his wife Kumari who worked as a labourer for money. But as Kumari refused to give money to him, Rajesh picked up a quarrel at his house on the night of July 30, 2013 and hacked his wife Kumari to death with a machete.

The Periyapatna Police, who registered a case and conducted investigation, filed charge-sheet against Rajesh at the Court.

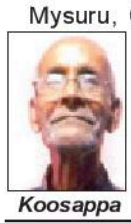
The Fifth Additional District and Sessions Judge G.G. Kuruhatti who heard the case, convicted Rajesh and sentenced him to life imprisonment, besides imposing a penalty of Rs. 25,000 on him. Public Prosecutor Nagappa C. Nakman argued on behalf of the State.

Mysurean ends life in Begur

Manju Rao

Begur (Chamarajanagar), Oct.26 (Kiran&US)- Manju Rao (35), a resident of Kalyanagiri in Mysuru is said to have committed suicide by consuming poison at a dilapidated building near Chikkahundi Gate. He was believed to have come in his autorickshaw three or four days ago to the spot and committed suicide. Tahsildar Najundaiah, Begur Police Sub-Inspector Lokesh and Village Accountant Mahadevappa visited the spot and got the body shifted to Gundlupet Hospital.

Four missing



Koosappa

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (KS)- Four persons have gone missing from city.

A 75-year-old man, **P. Koosappa** who left his house on Oct. 22 at about 10 am, is missing. He is 5 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, thin built, has a mole on the centre of his chest, wears spectacles, speaks Kannada and Tamil and was wearing a blue coloured full arm shirt, white dhoti and slippers. Those having any information may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418107/307 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Krishnamurthy

C.N. Krishnamurthy, 83, has gone missing from Lakshmipuram since Oct.20, according to a complaint lodged with the Police by his son.

Nagaraju

H. Nagaraju, 58, of Kyathamaranahalli is missing from Sept. 28, according to a complaint lodged with Udayagiri Police.

Shabbir

Shabbir, 32, a resident of Kalyanagiri is missing from Oct.12, according to a complaint lodged by his wife with Udayagiri Police.

Anyone who come across the missing persons may contact Udayagiri Police on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Chinnamma Thomas

Mysuru, Oct. 26- Chinnamma Thomas (91), wife of late V.T. Thomas, a resident of Udayagiri, passed away yesterday following a brief illness. She leaves behind her son Dr. Anil Thomas, Senior Oncologist in city, two daughters who are working abroad and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass will be held at Mother Theresa of Kolkata Church in Rajivnagar tomorrow (Oct.27) at 12 noon.

Lakshmi Chaithanya

Lakshmi Chaithanya (53), Insurance Surveyor & Loss Assessor and a resident of Saraswathipuram, died of heart attack this morning. He leaves behind his wife Kavitha, daughter Harshitha, elder brother Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar (VC of Mysore University) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening.

District Minister visits
flood-hit areas in Periyapatna

Periyapatna, Oct.26 (AG&DM)- After a brief gap, District Minister V. Somanna resumed his tour of flood-affected areas in the district by visiting a few villages in Periyapatna taluk this morning.

The Minister inspected Koppa, Mullina Muthusoge, Avarthi and Doddahosur villages which were among the worst affected villages in the taluk.

Somanna directed the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) officials to construct a high-level bridge at Muthina Mullasoge and at Doddahosur, so as to connect both the villages by the shortest route with Koppa that is located on Mysuru-Madikeri Highway. All the four villages are located along the Cauvery basin and are prone to flooding whenever there is heavy rainfall.

The Minister took the officials to task for improper management of floods in the taluk and asked them to be fully prepared to meet any emergencies.

MP Pratap Simha, Periyapatna MLA K.Mahadev, CNNL Assistant Executive Engineer Vinod, Tahsildar Shwetha and other officials accompanied the Minister.

Govt. hikes honorarium for Anganwadi workers

Bengaluru, Oct.26 (KMS&DM)- As a Deepavali gift, the State Government on Friday hiked the monthly honorarium of Anganwadi workers and helpers with retrospective effect from October 2018.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Women and Child Welfare Minister Shashikala Jolle said that the honorarium of Anganwadi workers will be hiked by Rs.2,000, that of mini-Anganwadi workers by Rs.1,250 and that of helpers by Rs.1,000 a month.

The Finance Department has been asked to release the hiked amount totalling from Oct.2018 in one instalment. With the hike, the Government has met the long-standing demand of Anganwadi employees, she said and added that 62,500 Anganwadi workers, 3,310 mini-Anganwadi workers and 62,000 helpers will benefit from the hike.

Referring to the collapse of several Anganwadi buildings due to the recent rains and floods, Shashikala said that the Finance Department will shortly release Rs.10 crore for repair of buildings. The Finance Department will also be appealed to release more funds for the purpose in later stages, she pointed out and added that all Anganwadis will be upgraded giving them a hi-tech touch.

Police rescue two runaway boys, return them to parents in B'luru

Mysuru, Oct.26 (YDS&US)- Lashkar Police have rescued two runaway boys in city yesterday and safely sent the children back to their parents.

The Police found the two boys yesterday sitting at Sub-urban Bus stand here and enquired about them. It was learnt that the kids were residents of Peenya in Bengaluru and had left home on Oct.22 without informing their parents. They revealed that they went to Kunigal, then to Murudeshwar and had arrived in Mysuru yesterday.

The Police took the children to Lashkar Police Station and on checking up with Bengaluru Police, it was learnt that cases have been booked at Hebbur Police Station regarding missing of the two children.

Lashkar Police contacted the parents of the children in Bengaluru and handed over the kids to them.

MCC to renew licence of only those shops that sport Kannada Boards

Mysuru, Oct.26 (RKB&DM)- As part of its plans to promote more usage of Kannada in shops, business establishments and other commercial enterprises, the MCC has decided to renew the licence of only such shops that use Kannada in their business activities.

This decision was taken at the District Kannada Jagruthi Committee meeting on full implementation of Kannada in administration, at the Old MCC Hall here yesterday, which was presided over by MCC Additional Commissioner Shashikumar.

Shashikumar said that all commercial establishments, shops, State and Central Government offices located in the jurisdiction of the MCC should follow the three-language policy, according to which local language Kannada should first appear on the name board. Also, shops must ensure use of Kannada in their activities. The Committee members will visit all establishments and offices to check whether Kannada is used as the administrative language, he said and added that the meeting passed a resolution that the trade licence of only those shops that use Kannada must be renewed.

The meeting also decided to visit shops, Malls, Commercial complexes and offices in the Central Business District as well in other parts of the city, under the leadership of the Mayor and the Committee members, to check whether all of them have Kannada name boards and are using Kannada in their businesses.

Kannada Jagruthi Committee members M.B. Vishwanath, Rajashekar Kadamba and M. Chandrashekar, MCC Assistant Commissioner Kumar Nayak, staff Kuberappa, Nagaraj and others were present.

Shortage of wildlife doctors plagues Forest Department

Day-long workshop at city Zoo deliberates on desperate need to have more wildlife scientists

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Sanjai Mohan seen addressing a workshop on 'Emerging Diseases in Asian Elephants,' organised by Mysuru Zoo yesterday. Also seen are Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve T. Balachandra, Biligirirangana Betta Tiger Reserve Director Shankar, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi and Chief Conservator of Forests T. Heeralal. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&BCT)- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Sanjai Mohan has said that the State Forest Department has a shortage of qualified and knowledgeable veterinary scientists and wildlife doctors and efforts have to be made to increase their numbers.

He was speaking at a day-long workshop on 'Emerging Diseases in Asian Elephants,' organised by Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popular as Mysuru Zoo yesterday.

The workshop was organised in the wake of the recent outbreak of 'Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus' at Nandankanan Zoological Park in Odisha and at Sakkrebailu Elephant Camp in Shivamogga. The workshop's objective was to create awareness on the disease among the stakeholders managing elephants in the wild and in captivity.

"Though Karnataka has earned its name as the best place for managing captive elephants, we need qualified doctors to be on guard during emergencies. We need more expertise in managing the health of animals," he said. The Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus spreads fast and has caused a series of elephant deaths even at Sakkrebailu camp. "There is a desperate need to take measures to counter such threats and the need of the hour is to develop expertise to prevent the spread of the virus," he added.

"Nowadays animal lovers are very active in social media and one small incident goes viral in seconds. As such, we have to be on our toes all the time and lapses will be highlighted. To face such a situation, we have to be well-equipped and need in-house wildlife scientists," Sanjai said. Also, these days there are increased cases of man-animal conflict where expert doctors are needed to rescue animals that stray into human territory, he opined.

Sanjai Mohan also said that the Department needs to ensure the safety of the people who are involved in rescue operations. "We will prepare a protocol to ensure comfort and safety of the people during animal rescue operations," he said.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member-Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, B.P. Ravi spoke on human-animal conflict with reference to the recent tiger attacks on the fringes of Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

"We generally face a lot of difficulties in dealing with the huge crowd gathered during such operation and the pressure from the villagers to capture big cats and elephants mounts every time there is a man-animal conflict. We need to train forest watchers in tranquillising the wild animals. There is a need for in-house mechanism to rescue elephants or tigers. The Department needs to pool the talents for rescue and relief process," he rued.

There was a technical presentation on the subject by resource persons drawn from various research institutions. L. Ranganath, Research Director, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University at Bidar, Dr. Arun Zachariah, Veterinarian from Kerala Forest Department conducted technical sessions on Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar and Alexander were present.

Pelican dies at Kukkarahalli Lake

(Continued from page 1)

Morning walkers yesterday found a juvenile Spot-Billed Pelican *(Pelicanus Philippensis)* lying exhausted on the Lake Bund. They informed bird activists who in turn alerted the People For Animals (PFA). The sick bird was taken to the animal rescue centre managed by PFA at Roopanagar in the evening. The bird, however, died last night.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysore Nature Group member Shylajesha said that the bird was found a few metres from the Fishing Jetty, parallel to Hunsur Road. "We informed the University of Mysore that maintains the Lake and shifted the bird to PFA," he said.

Bird in a comatose state

Government Veterinarian Dr. Vaseem Mirza, who treated the bird yesterday, told *SOM* that the bird was in a serious condition and it was in a comatose state. "I got a call from PFA last evening and I agreed to look into it due to humanitarian cause. The bird was severely infected and I administered drips to revive it and give the bird some energy to survive. Initial examination reveals that it could have died due to infection," he said.

On the exact cause of the death, Dr. Vaseem said that only a detailed post-mortem and an examination in an advanced laboratory could reveal the cause.

The death of the bird has caused concern among bird lovers. "This is a breeding time for local migratory birds including Great Cormorant, Pelican and Grey Heron. While the Great Cormorants have already started breeding, Pelicans are collecting nesting materials. Next in the line will be Black Ibis and Little Pelicans," said Shylajesha.

Samples collected

On its part, the Wildlife Division of the Forest Department has begun surveying Kukkarahalli Lake and Lingambudhi Lake to examine the condition of birds. In the absence of Alexander, the DCF (Wildlife) who has gone to Dubare Elephant Camp, DCF Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar told *SOM* that the Department has already collected the samples of the dead bird.

"The Wildlife Division has sent the samples to Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory of the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (IAHVB), Bengaluru and results are awaited. Last year too, a few Pelicans died due to viral infection at Kokkare Bellur near Mandya. We will have to examine the exact cause before initiating any measures. It is difficult now to pin point the cause as Avian Influenza (Bird Flu). As a precautionary step, teams have been sent to Kukkarahalli Lake and Lingambudhi Lake to see the bird conditions," he added.

A veterinary section for Lake

"Sadly, the Lake Custodian University of Mysore does not even have a veterinary facility near the Lake. The vast Kukkarahalli Lake supports precious diversity and every time a bird falls ill or there is a disease outbreak, they are taken outside and treated. The least the University can do is to establish a veterinary centre at the Lake premises," said bird lovers.

They alleged that sullage water from surroundings including Paduvarahalli continues to flow into the Lake. "The wetland area on the Hunsur Road side needs to be cleaned and saplings must be planted for the sullage water to get treated naturally. The area now stinks as the wetland has not been cleaned since ages. This cleaning can be done in summer," they added.

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Vikram Muthanna

Time to unburden Chamundi Hill?

On Tuesday, there was a landslide on Chamundi Hill. About 50 ft. of road connecting Nandi Statue area to the View Point on Chamundi Hill main road broke off from the Hillside and slid to a depth of 22 feet. Works to rebuild the road are going on at a brisk pace but it has prompted the question: Has the time come to seriously consider protecting Chamundi Hill from vehicular traffic?

In recent times, when people look towards Chamundi Hill they see more than just God's abode wrapped in Nature's green. Now, one will also see concrete structures and garbage. The Hill has succumbed to structures built to pamper irresponsible tourists. And politicians are constantly trying to build structures on the Hill in the name of tourism.

First, it was former Mysuru District in-Charge Minister late D.T. Jayakumar who suddenly revived the idea of a ropeway across the Hill. Of course, he did not care that a two-kilometre long and 10-metre wide strip of forestland would have to be destroyed to do that.

Then came the grand plan to install 'Sky Wheel,' a super-sized giant wheel on the Hill. They even gave it a name — The 'Mysore Eye.'

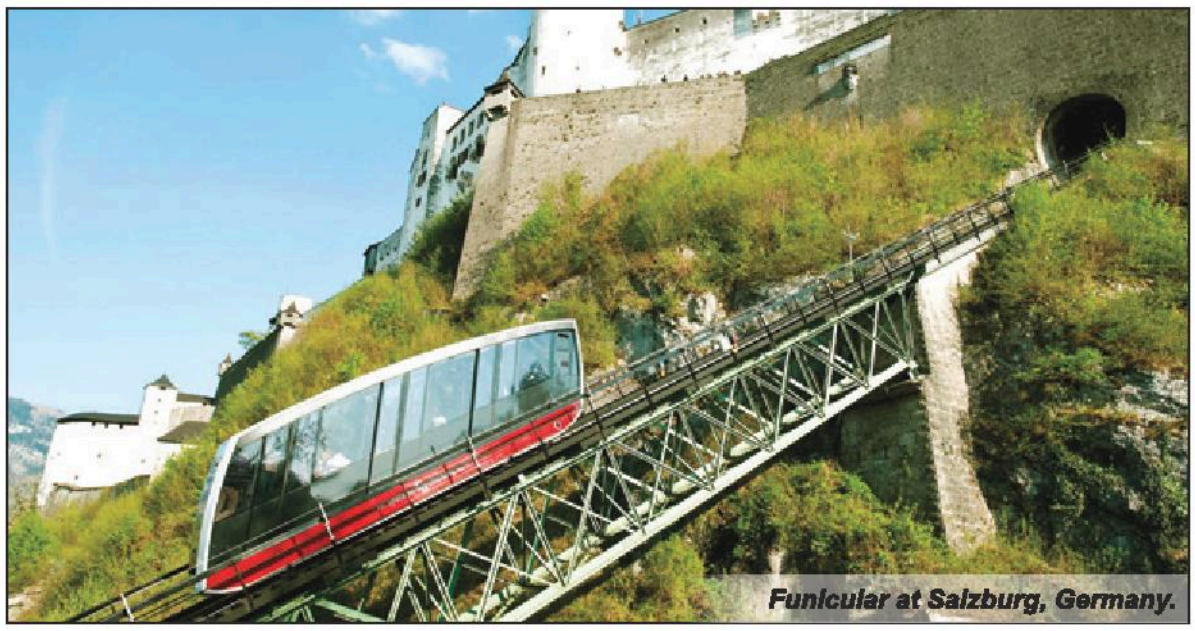
Then they moved the Toll Booth from the temple entry point to the View Point to make more money by collecting toll from even local Mysureans who simply wanted to drive up the Hill.

Then came B.S. Yediyurappa with a Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and said that Chamundi Hill would be developed on the lines of Tirupati-Tirumala Temple with Guest House and all that commercial filth that overpowers divinity and stinks up serenity.

Then came former Minister S.A. Ramdas, who announced that the 1.5 km stretch from View Point to the Statue of Mahishasura would be made into a four-lane road !

Then came a plan to install a canopy over the steps — all the way from the foothill to the top. They did not fear that 1,008 steps which are 350-years-old would turn into 1,008 business spots with each step hosting puja paraphernalia sellers, coconut vendors and eateries, all leaving a trail of garbage.

Every politician wants to turn Chamundi Hill into a thriving tourist destination, without fearing the filth and pollution it brings with it, as most Indian tourists are prone to flinging garbage at will. Also they don't seem to understand that like Kukkarahalli Lake, Chamundi Hill is also a green oasis and lung space for the city.



Funicular at Salzburg, Germany.

That brings us to the now renewed call for a ropeway by our District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna. Yes, as he himself claimed a ropeway is expensive and like many environmentalists say, it will eat into the flora and fauna of the Hill, but something has to be done to stop vehicles from going up the hill spewing smoke, noise and stopping for picnics that leave garbage behind.

Of course, any construction on the Hill is a terrible idea, but should we allow vehicles to drive up the winding roads spewing smoke and chips packets or force people to leave their garbage and vehicles at the foothill and take a public transport? After all these years has the time come to find another means of transport to go up the Hill? And is cable car or ropeway the best?

I have visited two cities, Salzburg in Germany and Budapest, Hungary; both cities have small Hills like our own Chamundi Hill, albeit, instead of a temple they both have castles atop. Both are international tourist destinations. And in both places tourists are forced to take the funicular, a kind of a cable car which moves on rail tracks but uses electricity and counter-weight system.

In both cities if one wants to go up the Hill they have to either take this funicular or walk up the steps or the road. In fact, one of the funiculars has two stops, one in the middle of the Hill and then at the top. Similarly, may be we too could have a stop at Nandi and then at the Hill top.

If this is indeed a viable way to enjoy the Hill without the vehicular traffic and pollution, then may be an area close to the foothill can be earmarked. Here people can park their vehicles and just walk to the funicular station. While doing this may be we can also allow only public electric buses up the Hill and ban all private vehicles.

Now, what about the people who live on the Hill? The Government can issue special permits for their vehicles. But what if they start using it to ferry tourists up and down the Hill for a fee? Well, it is up to the Government to fix such loopholes.

But most importantly, considering the devastation caused by landslides in Kodagu, are the people living atop Chamundi Hill safe anymore? After all, the top of Chamundi Hill too has seen sprouting of concrete structures like Kodagu.

For now, there needs to be a study of traffic flow up the Hill and a viability study done to see if there are enough tourists who visit Chamundi Hill to pay for an expensive funicular and its maintenance.

More importantly, will such an investment help make Chamundi Hill a green blissful Hill for the birds to breed and produce fresh air for us to breathe?

Just installing cable cars or funiculars while allowing private vehicles up the Hill is not just wasteful expenditure, but also counter-productive as it only doubles the damage to the Hill. It should be either this or that. Not both.

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Doorada Deepa

Looking for the origin of earthen lamps or Diyas for Deepavali, *Star of Mysore,* on a rainy day, arrived at Doora, a village located 20 kms to the South of Mysuru. At Doora, we were standing right in the middle of a sea of clay pots and Diyas. This village is keeping the tradition of Diya-making alive where potters balance their lives amidst lack of business, daily livelihood requirements and competition from fancy lamps.

Looking at these potters, it is clear that the art of making the traditional clay lamps is going far away *(Doora* in Kannada means far away) or vanishing from Mysuru which was once known for its Diyas *(Deepa* in Kannada).

This *Weekend Star Supplement* tells the story of *Doorada Deepa* (the lamp that has gone too far). Take a look.

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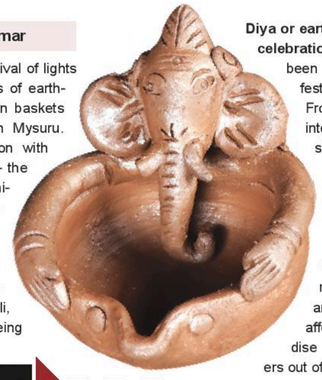
Winds of change threaten humble Diya

Clay lamps struggle to light up lives of potters in Doora village

ARTISAN-IN-THE-MAKING: ***Javara Shetti giving shape to a clay lamp using the potter's wheel at Doora village.***

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

As Deepavali, the festival of lights approaches, mounds of earthen lamps piled up in baskets are growing outside shops in Mysuru. They are in direct competition with shops selling electric goods — the long line of multi-coloured China-made fairy lights dangle and wink at the traditional clay lamps. They seem to be winning too as customers buy boxes of these lights while the ubiquitous symbol of Deepavali, the humble diya, is not even being bought in dozens.



VIGHNA-NIVARAKA: ***Mamatha Rani displaying a unique clay lamp resembling Lord Ganesha.***

Diya or earthen lamps form the basis of the celebrations from Oct. 27 to 29. They have been used from time immemorial for festivals and formal religious events. From a simple style, it has evolved into a more artistic form. From the simple small diyas to the big fancy ones, each of them is viable for a place at our homes. For any Hindu celebration, the earthen lamp is a symbol of tradition and beauty.

Gone are those days when traditional clay lamps were in great demand. The invasion of e-Commerce and China-made lamps has not only affected traders of different merchandise but has also thrown out diya-makers out of business.

The Kumbara community (potters), who have been an integral part of Mysuru's culture since many decades are now fighting for their existence. The businesses they had setup is slowly vanishing with majority of buyers today going the e-Commerce way to purchase the items of their choice.

However, some families have made a bold decision to continue with their family legacy of making traditional lamps especially for Deepavali. Over 14 Kumbara families in Doora village of Mysuru taluk have come together to form an association called **Kumbara Kushala Kaigarika Sangha** through which they are supporting each other to make a living out of pottery. Two to four members from each family join together every day and start preparing to make lamps, pots and other clay items.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, **Govindaraju,** a traditional diya-maker at Doora village, said earlier they used to make traditional lamps numbering in lakhs as they were in great demand and sales used to gain feverish pitch as Deepavali approaches. But, today they only make lamps based on pre-orders.

Govindaraju sells the lamps at Re.1 to shops in Mysuru, Nanjangud and Gundlupet where they are in much demand. "Deepavali diyas do not give us much profit. Today, there are factories in Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu that manufacture traditional lamps using machines and supply them to wholesale dealers and retailers throughout the State. Though people want to purchase traditional lamps hand-made by us, they are forced to buy the ones available in malls and retail shops as traditional lamps are not manufactured in large quantities," he added.

The original traditional lamps, prepared by Govindaraju and his friends have special quality. Once they are prepared, the lamps are baked in certain degrees inside a specially designed clay kiln. Lamps and pots are baked for 10 hours using dried coconut fronds and are removed from the kiln after three days. Later, they are segregated.

"Once they are removed, each lamp is tested by potters by tapping on them to see if they are well-baked and hard. The fully baked lamps and pots are identified based on the sound that comes out of each lamp. A well-baked lamp or pot makes a sound similar to a copper vessel which is not in case of diyas manufactured in factories," claims Govindaraju.

Fancy decorative items and diyas available online have hit traditional lamp market. Many of the potters have stopped making diyas as it is not a lucrative business anymore.

STICKING TO TRADITION: ***Govindaraju.***

Kumbarageri, an area populated with Kumbara community in Mysuru city, has stopped making lamps as there are no facilities available.

The potters in the area are active only during *Ganesha* Festival during which they prepare idols of Lord Ganesha, using moulds. But the same cannot be done in case of diyas as they are too small in size and needs to be baked after it is prepared.

Though clay diyas have made way for LED lights, battery-operated diyas and similar products, we can still find traditional lamps lit at temples that have continued to follow our culture and tradition. Traditional lamps continue to be lit at the corners of main entrance of every Hindu house and Tulasi plant, during *Karthika* month of Hindu calendar, which is considered auspicious.

To make the diyas attractive, potters have started painting and colouring them in bright hues. They said in the last two decades, their business has dropped by 60 per cent. The potters added that the tradition of making clay diyas will soon vanish if the Government does not come forward to help them.

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KNEADING THE EARTH: ***Venkatesh tempering the clay with his feet to bring it for desired consistency to make lamps and flower pots.***

SKILFUL POTTER: ***Venkataramana Shetti making a Tulasi pot at the Potters Shed in Doora.***

POTTERS' OVEN: ***The furnace (kiln) used to bake clay lamps and flower pots at a shed in Doora village.***

DEFT HANDS: ***Jayanthi engrossed in making earthen diyas.***

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Designer Diyas

brighten lives, add sparkle to Deepavali

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

The popular Mannar's Market in Shivarampet has paved way for artisans and traders to make extra money as Deepavali draws near.

Some traders in the bustling Mannar's Market sell lamps of various hues and shapes procured from different parts of the country. Besides, clay lamps too have flooded the market, though the demand is less when compared to fancy Diyas.

Colourful clay lamps are eye-catching with some among them fitted with bulbs that glow with battery power. These lamps are sold in a set of ten numbers costing Rs.250 with a single lamp costing Rs.30. Also lamps made of wax and perfumed ones too are on sale. The market is flooded by a variety of lamps and there is not much change in the prices when compared to last year. The special materials and articles required for Deepavali are available at **Rajratan Novelty, Nemichand Mangilal Shop** and other Stores.

Suresh Kumar, owner of Rajratan Novelty Shop, said that the prices of lamps at his shop starts from Rs.15 with the costliest being Rs.500.

Sky basket *(Aakasha Butti)* sells like hot cakes. Almost all decorative articles and lamps are brought from Chickpet in Bengaluru and sold here. Another shop that sells Deepavali items outside Mannar's Market is **Mahaveerji Shop** located in Vasavi Complex, right opposite the Mannar's Market. Shop owner **Mahaveer** says that there are only three to four shops that sell Deepavali items, articles and decorative lamps.

Mahaveer says that the price of clay lamp at his shop ranges from Rs.5 to Rs.30 depending upon the size. "These lamps arrive in Bengaluru from different parts of the State. Only a few traders from Shivarampet buy them in bulk at wholesale prices," he said.

Nemichand Mangilal Shop owner **Mukesh** said, "We sell clay lamps starting from Re.1 apiece to Rs.550 based on the size and design. There is not much price variation this time with the price of lamps almost the same as that of last year with hardly a two percent increase." Pointing out that sky baskets are much in demand, with girls and women looking for variety, he said that it was fun to watch *Aakasha Butti* light up the skies at night.

The traders after bringing the lamps in bulk from Bengaluru entrust the responsibility of artwork to local artisans who carry out the job on a minimum of 400 lamps per day. Artisans charge Rs.2 or Rs. 3 for each lamp and the wages will be paid to them based on the number of lamps that they work.

Women from Siddarthanagar, Vivekanandanagar and some other parts of the city do this skilful artwork, according to Mahaveer.

Mahaveer at his shop in Vasavi Complex.

Suresh Kumar attending to customers.

Rain, green thoughts take fire out of crackers

By S.T. Ravi Kumar

Lamps filled with oil and a cotton wick is lit. The wick burns itself with the help of oil to spread light to encounter darkness. A beautiful reddish yellow light stays stubborn in the battleship of air. It battles with the passing by winds, dancing, twisting, vanishing for a second, fluttering to stay lit. The diyas are peaceful representations of purity and good luck and also an invitation to Goddess Lakshmi into our living places. The city glows in the glory of peace. Spreading the love around, in the form of gifting sweets.

Unfortunately, this is not the reality. A cluster of unpleasant sounds, polluting the air with unhealthy smoke, messy streets are the upshot results of bursting crackers. An environment filled with toxic chemicals pushes Mother Earth into vanity. Speechless animals are also victimised for the merry-making act of mankind. A city filled with bright diyas has vanished into the white foggy dusty smoke.

However, this Deepavali, the Festival of Lights, you won't find many fireworks lighting up the skies like the previous years, thanks to the initiative taken by Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu which have banned about 1,000 varieties of crackers that violated the specified sound decibel level.

Manufacturers in Sivakasi (TN) have also reduced mass production of crackers and are only taking up production based on pre-order. Even Standard Fireworks, one of the oldest cracker manufacturing companies, stopped the production of 5,000 and 10,000 chain crackers.

Sale of crackers in Mysuru has seen a drastic fall. Cracker traders on Rane Madras Road in Hebbal Industrial Area have recorded slow business. Once a major hub of cracker sales, it is now losing out on business thanks to educational institutions and organisations that have been creating awareness against bursting crackers.

Bhaskar, a cracker vendor said that sale of crackers had come down drastically and to make matters worse, it has been raining continuously."We used to record at least 20 percent business by this time but it is not even two percent this year," he rues.

Come what may, cracker vendors have decided to set up their stalls. While about 10 shops including godowns on Rane Madras Road have already thrown open their doors to customers, vendors are expected to setup shops at Kuvempunagar, Ballal Circle, Ramakrishnanagar Circle, New Kantharaj Urs Road (next to Bandanthamma Temple) and Chamundipuram Circle.

Meanwhile, this year there will be less shops operating at J.K. Grounds as only 14 merchants have applied for licence. Earlier, about 50 shops would sell variety of crackers at Town Hall premises. With the authorities shifting these shops to J.K. Grounds, the number came down to 28 last year.

Cracker sales at the J.K. Grounds has never seen good business because it gets filled with slush in case of rains. With the city witnessing continuous rainfall, it is almost certain that the cracker business would hit an all-time low this year.

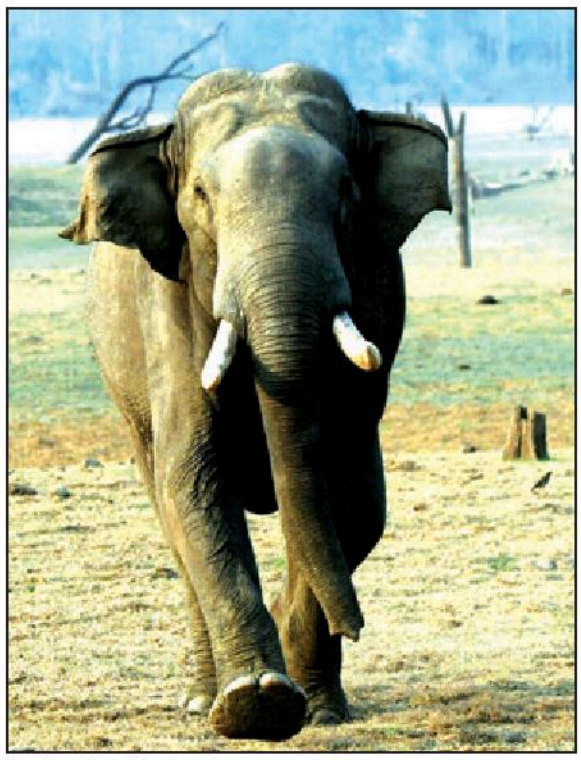
Setting up crackers shop is not an easy task. Vendors will have to apply for a temporary licence which is sanctioned for a period of six days. This apart, vendors will also need to procure No Objection Certificates from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Fire and Emergency Services and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

Despite running from pillar to post to get permissions, vendors only have a slimmest chance of doing a decent business because of 18 percent GST imposed on fire crackers.

V. Ravi of Deviramma Enterprises said that with 18 percent GST it will not be possible for vendors to provide good quality crackers at discount. "Earlier, Mysuru used to get about 30 truck-loads of crackers every year from Hosur and Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu and Bengaluru as well. Now, it has reduced to 20 truck-loads owing to less production and less demand," he added.

The cracker godown and shops at Hebbal Industrial Area in Mysuru.

A Click worth a Prize...



PRIZED PHOTOGRAPHY: ***Anurag Basavaraj's picture of a Tiger quenching its Thirst and a Running Elephant.***

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (MTY&VNS)- Two photojournalists from city have bagged top honours in the recently held State-level Photography Competition organised as part of 65th Wildlife Week Celebrations by Nagarahole National Park Office authorities.

Photojournalist M.S. Basavanna (Anurag Basavaraj) bagged first prizes in Herbivorous (Picture of a Running Elephant), Emotional (Tiger quenching its Thirst) and Birds (Serpent Eagle) categories.

Two others Gajendra and Chaitra bagged second and third place respectively in Herbivorous category.

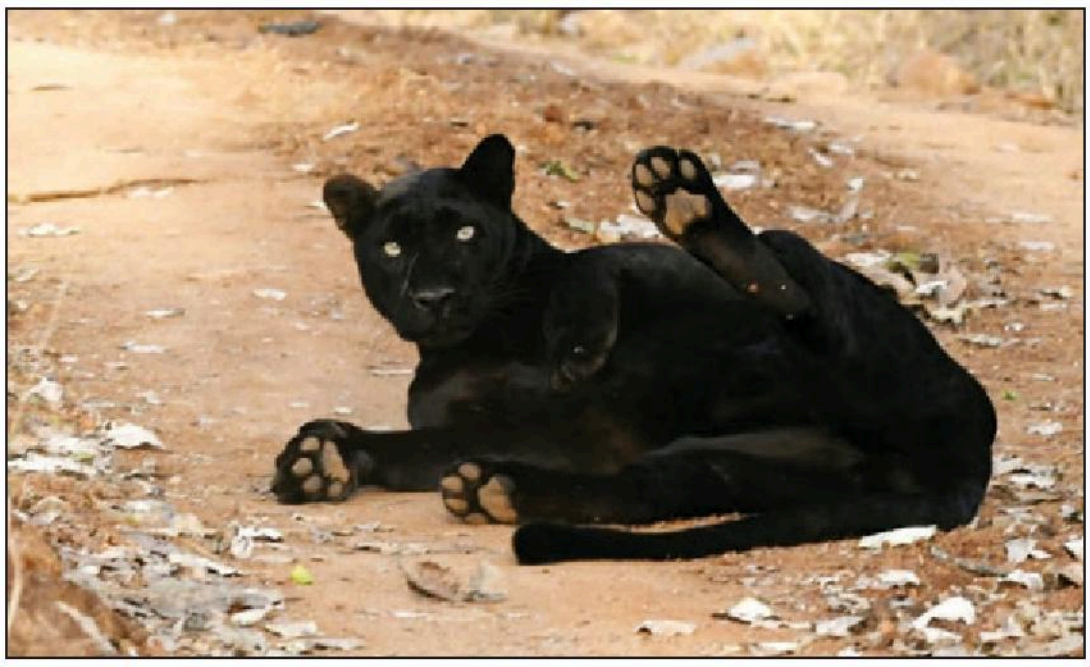
In the Emotional category, **S.R. Madhusudhan's** picture

Basavaraj

Madhusudhan

of a 'Black Leopard relaxing in the Forest' won the second prize while another photographer Chaya won third prize for the Bison captured by her. She also won second prize in Birds category.

Balamurali secured first prize for 'Group of Tigers' in Carnivorous category. He was followed by Raghu (Tigress with Cubs) and Dr. Amar Kaushik in second and third place respectively.



Black Leopard caught relaxing in the Forest by S.R. Madhusudhan.

Science Fest: Ex-ISRO Chief distributes prizes

Mysuru, Oct.26- Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar, former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), inaugurated the Science Fest-2019 organised by Jnanodaya PU College here recently.

Addressing the gathering, Kiran Kumar remembered the contribution of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai in developing ISRO. He highlighted how satellites were being used in various purposes including agriculture, forecasting weather, to alert on a possible natural disaster likes floods, tsunami among others. The former ISRO Chairman also lauded Government of India for sharing ISRO's achievements with SAARC countries.

Later, he gave away prizes to the winners of Science model exhibition, Science quiz and Science talk competitions.

Science Games and career guidance were also conducted as part of Science Fest.

College Management Treasurer H. Ramchandra, Secretary S.K. Bhaskar, Joint Secretary T.S. Satyanarayan Rao, Principal T.S. Srikanta Sharma and Vice- Principal Padma Ravi were present on the occasion.

Winners: Science Model Competition: 1. S.N. Dheeraj, J.K. Vishakh, Yashas and M.S. Varishita (Sharada Public School, Topic: Air Pressurised Rocked); **2.** Musharaff Ahmed and B. Vishal (CFTRI School, Topic: Smart City); **3.** R. Pulakith and C.H. Likhit (Excel Public School, Topic: Smart Traffic Signal); First Consolation Prize - N.P. Nithin and R. Mahadev Prasad (GSSS-Bantwal Madhava Shenoy School, Topic: Farmer Friendly Machine); Second Consolation Prize - L.B. Akshay, M. Shashank and K.J. Sharan (Sharada Public School, Topic: Distance Measuring Equipment).

Science Talk: 1. G.V. Aditya Karumbaiah (Acharya Vidyakula), **2.** Eshanya Madhu Gowda (JSS Public School), **3.** Nymish (Excel Public School).

Science Quiz: 1. Tanmay Goudar and Y.S. Poorvik Gowda (JSS Public School), **2.** Gowri B. Krishna and Nikhilesh Sathish (Excel Public School), **3.** K. Punya and Sankalp Nadiger (Acharya Vidyakula).

Four-day event to mark
Dr. Vasundhara's 70th birthday

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (PM&VNS)- *Saptathi,* a grand celebration to commemorate danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy's 70th birthday has been organised on Nov. 2 at Kalamandira at 5pm. The event jointly organised by Vasundhara Performing Art Centre and Guru Shishya Parampara Trust will be held in divine presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

Noted Dance Scholar and Rajya Sabha MP Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Vasundhara Performing Art Centre Director Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Art Journalist and Critic Prof. George S. Paul will be the guests of honour, while Indian Dance Scholar, Historian and Critic Padma Shri Sunil Kothari, Art Historian, Scholar and Critic Ashish Mohan Khobar and MP Pratap Simha will be the chief guests.

The event will also witness the release of *'Vasudhara Odyssey of a Dancer'*, a biography of Dance Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy authored by journalist Prof. George S. Paul. *Saptathi,* also features Bharatanatyam performance by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy followed by a dance tribute by teachers and students of Vasundhara Performing Art Centre.

Addressing presspersons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning, Meghala Hirasave, daughter-in-law of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy said that the students of the Bharatanatyam exponent had organised year-long *guruvandana* programmes from Nov. 1, 2018 and added that a special four-day event will be held from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 as part of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy's birthday celebrations.

The celebrations commences with the inauguration of 'Vasundhara Bhavan' by Kalandika Arts Academy Director Premita Govind, who is also one of Dr. Vasundhara's students.

A special two-day workshop is also being conducted by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy for about 100 students across the globe from Oct. 30. Dr. Vasundhara's students, spanning three generations, will be paying respects to their guru through a day-long dance performances at Jagan Mohan Palace from 9 am to 7pm on Nov. 1.

Speaking on the occasion, Poorna Kemparaja Urs, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy's International Students Forum Convenor, said Dr. Vasundhara's students were spread across USA, Australia, Paris, UK and other countries as well.

He added that his daughter also learnt Bharatanatyam from Dr. Vasundhara during her visit to Louisville in USA and said she was not only a guru to her students but a motherly figure as well.

Vasudhanara Performing Arts Centre Trustee Sagar Hirasave, Dr. Vasundhara's students Varija Nalige and Dr. Bhuvaneshwari were present.

To Our Readers: Watch out for an exclusive feature on Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy in *SOM* soon. **—Ed**

Screening of Kodava language film 'Kodagura Sipayi' begins

Mysuru, Oct. 26 - The first screening of 'Kodagura Sipayi', a movie in Kodava language produced and directed by Kottukathira Prakash Cariappa was held at Mysuru Kodava Samaja in Vijayanagar First Stage this morning.

The movie, presented by Coorg Coffeewood Movies, is based on a novel and narrates the story of a soldier, played by former international athlete and personality development speaker Theethamada Arjun Devaiah.

The special screening of the movie will be held today and tomorrow (Oct. 27). There will be three shows (11 am, 2 pm and 6.30 pm) on both the days and tickets are priced at Rs. 100 each.

After the screening, a stage programme was scheduled to be held, presided by Mysuru Kodava Samaja President Kekada M. Belliappa. Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club President Machimada P. Nanaiah was to be the chief guest.

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Star-studded Karnataka lift Vijay Hazare Trophy

Bengaluru, Oct. 26 (UNI)- Thanks to fine bowling performance by the pace bowler Abhimanyu Mithun and good knocks from K.L. Rahul and Mayank Agarwal, Karnataka emerged victorious in the finals of Vijay Hazare Trophy defeating Tamil Nadu at the Chinnaswamy Stadium here yesterday.

In the rain rattled final, Tamil Nadu, which lost the toss in the morning, was folded out for 252 in 49.5 overs thanks to the fine performance from Karnataka medium pacer, Mithun, who scalped five wickets including a hat-trick.

In reply, Karnataka, which started well, lost Devdutt Padikal who fell cheaply after scoring 11 runs. However, in form batsmen Mayank Agarwal and K.L. Rahul batted well and remained not out at 69 and 52 respectively. Karnataka was cruising 146 for one in 23 overs when it started to rain and played had to be called off. With play possible, Karnataka was declared winner under the VJD method.

BRIEF SCORES

Tamil Nadu 252 all out (Abhinav Mukund 85, Aparajith 66 and Vijay Shankar 38, Abhimanya Muthun 5 for 34, V. Koushik 2 for 39. Karnataka 146 for 1, Mayank Agarwal 69 not out and K.L. Rahul not out 52, Washington Sundar 51 for one).

KPL match-fixing row

CCB arrests bowling coach and wicket-keeper

Bengaluru, Oct. 26- The Central Crime Branch (CCB), which is investigating into spot-fixing case in Karnataka Premier League (KPL), yesterday made two more arrests — a bowling coach and a wicketkeeper-batsman, for their alleged involvement in match fixing.

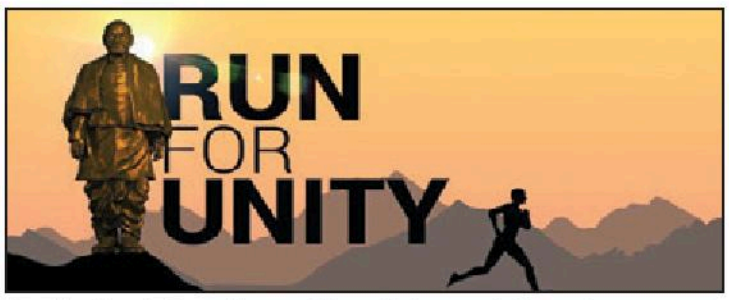
The duo has been identified as Vinu Prasad, bowling coach of Bengaluru Blasters and M. Vishwanathan, wicketkeeper-batsman of Hubli Tigers. Speaking to mediapersons Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said "Another case of match-fixing has been uncovered by CCB in Karnataka Premier League. Bangalore Blasters Bowling coach Vinu Prasad and Batsman Vishwanathan have been arrested."

"The accused were involved in fixing of a match in 2018 between Bangalore and Belgavi teams. Vishwanathan batted slowly for which he got Rs. 5 lakh. Few bookies are involved will soon be arrested," Patil added.

Vinu Prasad and Vishwanathan are among the first support-staff and player to be arrested after CCB had arrested Belagavi Panthers owner Ali Asfak Thara and Bhavesh Bafna, a celebrity drummer.

Run for Unity 5K marathon in city on Oct. 31

Mysuru, Oct. 26- Mysuru City and District Police have organised 'Run for Unity' a 5K marathon on Oct. 31 in city as part of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to commemorate the 144th birth anniversary of India's First Home Minister and former Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.



Police personnel, students of various schools and colleges, members of NGOs and citizens will take part in the marathon which will be flagged off from Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple at 6 am on Oct. 31. The Run will pass through K.R. Circle, D.D. Urs Road, JLB Road, Ramaswamy Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Gun House Circle, Hardinge Circle, A.V. Road before culminating back at Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple.

National Unity Day is being observed across the country to foster and reinforce dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and security of the nation. The 'Run for Unity' programme is organised by both Union and State Governments at all district headquarters, towns and villages to pay tribute to the 'Iron Man of India.'

Entry is free. However, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna has requested participants to register their names with Police Inspector, CCRB, City Police Commissioner's Office or contact Mob: 94808-02253.

Excels in Dasara Sports Meet

The students of Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology participated in District and State-level Dasara Wushu, Karate and Tennis Championship-2019 held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city and secured four Gold medals, one silver and a bronze medal. Seen are (sitting from left) Poorna Chandra - Bronze in Wushu, M.S. Preetham - Silver in Wushu, U. Darshan - Gold in Wushu, PE Director K.B. Manjunath, Principal Dr. M. Ravishankar, Yashitha S. Nayaka - Gold in Tennis, Shivani - Gold in Tennis and G. Kiran - Gold in Karate.

State-level Kabaddi Tournament from Oct. 28

Mysuru, Oct. 26- City's SVG Group will be organising a three-day 4th State-level Kabaddi Tournament for Women and District-level Invitational Floodlight Kabaddi Tournament for Men.

Addressing the press persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, here yesterday, SVG Group Chairman M. Manjesh said that the tournament was being organised as a part of Deepavali and Sri Mahadeshwara Jathra Festival and also in memory of M.Shivakumar (Ayya).

MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannanth will be present during the inauguration.

Teams from Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Dharwad, Davanagere, Mangaluru, Udupi, Bengaluru, Mandya and Mysuru will take part.

The organisers have made boarding and lodging facilities for the participating team. Separate prize money of Rs. 50,000 and trophy, Rs. 25,000 and trophy and Rs. 10,000 and trophies has been announced for first, second, third and fourth place winners in both men and women categories.

Swimming Contest

Bengaluru, Oct. 26- Netkalappa Memorial Swimming Championship, an invitational State Level competition, will be held at the Netkalappa Aquatic Centre, Bengaluru on Nov. 10.

For registration, contact Ankush on Mob: 90609 67733, according to a press release.

Association Cup Basketball

Bengaluru, Oct. 26- The Karnataka State Basketball Association (KSBA) will be conducting the State Association Cup for Men and Women at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru, from Nov. 3 to Nov.10. A total of 72 men's and 40 women's teams will be seen in action.

State-level PU Athletic Meet

Sanchith wins bronze in shot put

Shivamogga, Oct. 26- Mysuru lad Y. Sanchith, student of Lakshmi Hayagriva PU College, Mysuru, taking part in the ongoing State Level Pre-University Athletic Meet won the bronze medal in the shot put event for boys with a throw of 14.30 mts.

International Day of Girl Child observed in City

Devaraja Sub-division ACP Gajendra Prasad addressing the students at the International Day of the Girl Child programme.

Mysuru, Oct.26 (MTY&DM)- "Girl children should not cut short their studies for any reason," opined Makkala Kalyana Samithi Chairperson Kamala, cautioning them against relationships at a very young age.

She was speaking after inaugurating the International Day of the Girl Child programme jointly organised by Mysuru Child helpline, Organisation for the Development of People (ODP), Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP) and H.D.Kote's Nisarga Foundation at Government Junior College for Girls, People's Park in Nazarbad here yesterday.

Pointing out that girl children should not take decisions in haste in any issue, Kamala cautioned girls against falling into vicious traps.

Stressing on the need for getting educated, she underlined the importance of having a mature mind and at the same time warding off any distractions.

Noting that inner beauty is more important than physical appearance, she said that the set targets can be achieved only if we have a sound mind.

Child helpline district co-ordinator Dhanraj expressed concern over the growing gap in gender ratio. Maintaining that there were only 933 women for thousand men, he said female foeticide was a concern.

Claiming that child marriages are still taking place despite the efforts of authorities to prevent them, he said that Mysuru district stands at the fourteenth position in the list of child marriages.

Highlighting the importance of creating widespread awareness on preventing child marriages, sexual abuse, trafficking and such other crimes against girl child, he said that the United Nations started the International Day of the Girl Child in 2012, considering the importance of protecting and educating the girl child.

Devaraja Sub-division ACP Gajendra Prasad, Child Police Cell's Prasanna Kumar, college Principal Sujatha,Child counsellor Radha, RLHP co-ordinator Shashikumar and others were present.

Male Mahadeshwara Temple hundi collection crosses Rs. 1.41 crore

MM Hills, Oct.26 (US)- The Hundi collection at Male Mahadeshwara Temple has yielded Rs.1,41,85,474 cash in just one month. The other collection included 40 gm gold and 1,891 gm silver.

The hundis were brought to the commercial complex near MM Hills bus stand yesterday, opened and counted under the supervision of Salur Mutt Seer Sri Guruswamiji and MM Hills Development Authority Secretary Anand. State Bank of India officers and staff of the Bank and temple helped in counting the collection.

JC Wadiyar books expo from Oct.31 to Nov.2

Mysuru, Oct.26- As part of the birth centenary celebrations of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the city's Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee will be organising a three-day expo of books and manuscripts written by the erstwhile Mysuru ruler at Oriental Research Institute here from Oct.31 to Nov.2.

Titular head of the Royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will inaugurate the expo at 4 pm on Oct.30.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Pursy

Pronunciation: PER-see.
Meaning: Having a puckered appearance; proud because of one's wealth especially in the absence of other distinctions : purse-proud.
Origin: There are two adjectives spelled pursy, each with its own etymology. The one describing a puckered appearance goes back to the mid-16th century and has its source in the noun purse ("a receptacle for carrying money and other small objects"); a drawstring purse's puckered appearance is the inspiration. The other pursy (pronounced PUH-see or PER-see) dates from the 15th century and can mean "short-winded especially because of corpulence" or simply "fat." This pursy comes from the Old French word pousser, meaning "to exert pressure" or "to breathe heavily"—the same word, etymologists believe, behind the word push.
Example: "Some guys get all pursy around the mouth when you suggest this, but figure skating is infinitely harder than ice hockey. Every four years at the Winter Olympics, figure skating fans have to listen to a lot of nonsense about how their sport lacks legitimacy." — Sally Jenkins.

THE ODD WORD

Pabouche

A slipper.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Paddle your own canoe

Meaning: Act independently and decide your own fate.

Origin: The figurative meaning of 'padding one's own canoe' began to be used in the early 19th century. This was what was in mind of the author of *The Selangor Journal: Jottings Past and Present,* 1807, when reporting the lack of community spirit amongst the coffee planters in Malaysia:
If the planters would unite and use their united influence they could start a bank to advance money to deserving young planters... but they won't do it. They let each poor fellow paddle his own canoe, and if he capsizes and stretches out his hand in despair for someone to save him... they won't do it. The imagery of self-reliance that the phrase conjures up was employed by the founder of the Scouts Movement, Lord Baden-Powell, when he used it as the title of a book in 1939.
The independence of mind implicit in the advice the phrase conveys is plain to see in two gung-ho poems written on the subject in the USA in the 1850s. *Paddle your own Canoe* - anonymous, printed in the Wisconsin newspaper *The Crawford County Courier,* 1852: My father die, God rest his soul, When years I numbered two, And left me 'midst this world alone, To paddle my own canoe.

QUOTE BOX

Everyone must believe in something. I believe I'll go canoeing.

— Henry David Thoreau

RIDDLE THIS

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

Answer: Footsteps.

SUDOKU

6			3		9			
	7				5			3
2		9		8				
				3		2		
3		7				8		1
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			7		6			8

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	9	7	3	2	4	1	5
5	1	7	4	6	9	3	8	2
3	2	4	1	8	5	7	9	6
7	3	8	9	5	4	2	6	1
2	9	1	8	7	6	5	3	4
6	4	5	2	1	3	9	7	8
4	7	2	6	9	8	1	5	3
1	5	6	3	4	7	8	2	9
9	8	3	5	2	1	6	4	7

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 At the drop of _ ___ (1,3)
5 Stylish
9 Old time classic movie Alam ___
12 Mahatma Gandhi or R. G. Nadkarni
13 A prefix meaning "by itself"
14 Fairy queen
15 Now CIS
16 Makes or gets ready
18 Strip of leather
20 Heroine of La Boheme
21 Screwball or eccentric person
24 Ice cream flavour ___-frutti
27 Racing track
31 Harry Potter's mate
32 Playfully pesty
33 Circle found on a peacock tail
34 Circuits on the race course
35 International Cricket Council, in short
36 Renowned film maker __ Ray
38 Total count
41 Affectionate get-together
42 Ex-England wicket keeper Knott
44 Ancient language
48 Damaging precipitation (4,4)
52 Blood and guts
53 Shriver of tennis
54 Lacklustre
55 Man in charge of the Ark
56 Performance Mgmnt. Sys.
57 Boy band 'N ___
58 Active volcano

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	A	G	■	Y	E	A	H	■	D	C	I	V
A	T	A	■	E	L	I	A	■	O	M	N	I
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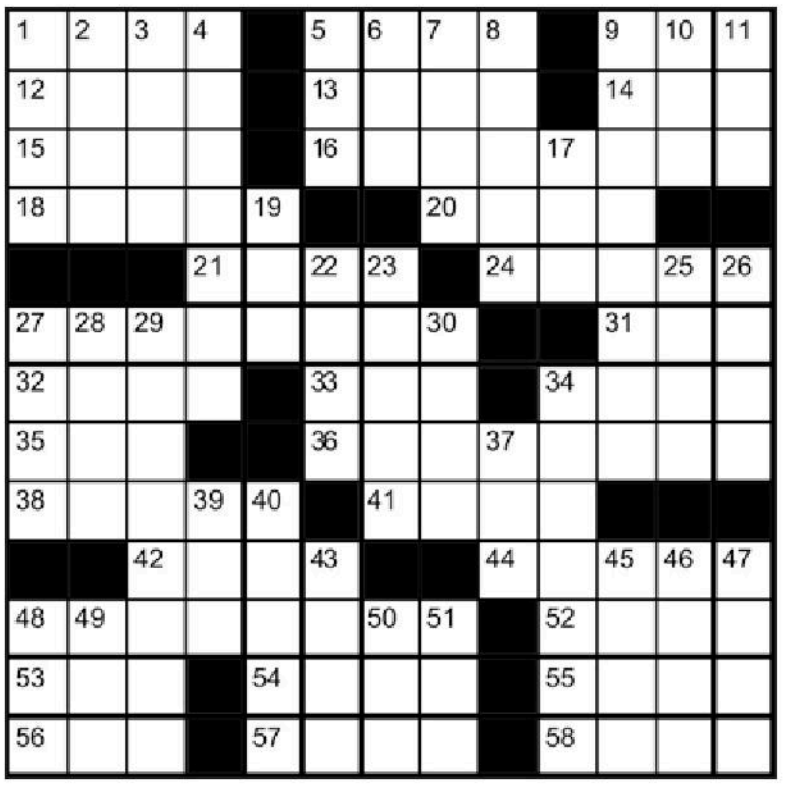
O	T	R	A	■	A	M	E	N	■	E	O	N

DOWN
1 Stand next to
2 Make a ___ of : bungle or mess up?
3 Furry dog Lhasa ____
4 Jailer?
5 If it fits - wear it?
6 Multiple Oscars winner Ben __
7 Entry in account
8 Get into trouble - "optic" anagram? (3,2)
9 Tennis trio of Vijay, Anand and Ashok
10 Arctic explorer John
11 Stomach muscles
17 Asian river __ Darya
19 Zeus for one, Vishnu for another
22 Has debts
23 Inuit canoe
25 Local headgear?
26 Short for 'this month'
27 Cooking rod
28 Unit of type size?
29 Cries out in surprise
30 Abominable snowman?
34 Italian dish
37 Fashion monogram
39 Doctor of Laws, degree
40 9 feet = 3 ____
43 Not any
45 Blow a horn
46 It was known as Persia
47 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
48 Third party program for a smartphone
49 Part of an engine
50 ___ Botham : famous English all-rounder?
51 TV channel



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WSM HYRBRWP WC JRDZBRAP DMHQJ WC MBRDRQHWM WSM

IQQMEMJJHFP JC WSHW WSM QMEMJJHFP DHP JZMHT.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bharaate	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Andavaada	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Murkal Estate	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Pailwaan	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Housefull 4	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Rasbery	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Bigil	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Kaithi	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Bigil (Ta)	(S-1)	9.35 am, 6.35 pm
	(S-2)	9.15 am
	(S-3)	1.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Kaithi (Ta)	(S-1)	1.00 pm, 3.50 pm
Housefull 4 (H)	(S-1)	10.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.25 am, 1.15 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.00 pm
War (H)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Bharaate (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Made in China (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 pm
Andavaada (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Saand Ki Aankh (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm, 7.10 pm

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Housefull 4 (H)	(S-1)	8.40 am, 3.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	11.50 am, 6.40 pm
Bigil (Ta)	(S-1)	11.40 am, 6.15 pm
	(S-2)	8.15 am, 2.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Bharaate (K)	(S-4)	9.25 am, 6.30 pm
Made in China (H)	(S-3)	9.40 am, 3.35 pm, 9.35 pm
Saand Ki Aankh (H)	(S-3)	12.30 pm, 6.25 pm
Andavaada (K)	(S-4)	12.40 pm
Kaithi (Ta)	(S-4)	3.30 pm, 9.45 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Bigil (Ta)	9.00 am, 3.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Housefull 4 (H)	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm
	6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Made in China (H)	9.25 am, 12.40 pm,
	7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Saand Ki Aankh (H)	10.00 am, 3.20 pm, 9.35 pm
Kaithi (Ta)	12.15 pm, 6.30 pm
Andavaada (K)	1.10 pm
Murkal Estate (K)	4.00 pm
Bharaate (K)	6.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 26)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP): Bombe Mane, an expo of dolls from across India, Pratima Gallery, #91, above Amarapalli Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**

Artz Gallery: Expo and Workshop on Mysuru Traditional Paintings by M.S. Anand, Artz Gallery, Gokulam, **11 am to 7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Swami Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

Coorg Coffeewood Movies: Special screening of 'Kodagura Sipayi,' a movie in Kodava language Produced and Directed by Kottukathira Prakash Cariappa, Mysuru Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Shield's: Football Tournament, KMFC (Krazy Mysore Football Club) Turf, Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, opposite K.R. Mill, **3 pm.**

Ganabharathi: 28th Veene Seshanna Bhavan's Day, unveiling of Dr. V. Doreswamy Iyengar bust to mark centenary year of Veena Doreswamy Iyengar, a torch-bearer of Seshanna tradition; Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, a member of erstwhile royal family, chief guest; Veena Concert by Vid. D. Balakrishna, son and prime disciple of Doreswamy Iyengar, supported by his senior disciples Vidu. Vani Yadunandan & Vid. Srinivasa Prasanna on veena, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga & Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment: 246th Shivanubhava Dasoha lecture, bhajans by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Bhajana Mandali; Talk on 'Adhunika Sharanaru' by Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy, retd. Additional Commissioner of Commercial Tax Department - Mysuru presides, #881, Appaji, 16th Main Road, Police Layout 2nd Stage, near Idlikatte, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar, **6 pm.**

Kalasparsha Performing Arts Centre: School Anniversary, danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy inaugurates, Gurudeva Academy Director Dr. P.M. Chetana Radhakrishna and Kamakshi Hospital Administrator Dr. K.R. Kamath chief guests, Industrialist M. Manoj Shenoy presides, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm,** Bharatanatya recital by Kalasparsha students, **6.30 pm.**

Vivid Educational and Cultural Trust, Sarvajna Cultural Foundation: Manthana, Sarada Vilas College Retired Principal Prof. A.R. Nagabhushan speaks on Shakespeare's Literature and play *Macbeth*, Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar presides, Vivid Coaching Centre, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 27)

Coorg Coffeewood Movies: Special screening of 'Kodagura Sipayi,' a movie in Kodava language Produced and Directed by Kottukathira Prakash Cariappa, Mysuru Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 am, 2 pm and 6.30 pm [NOTE:** *Tickets priced at Rs. 100 will be available at the Office of Mysuru Kodava Samaja and special ticket counters at the Samaja premises.]*

Natana: Staging of the play 'Zoom Zoom Aane Mathu Putta' Natana in Ramakrishnanagar I-Block, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita and Karma Yoga,' Ashrama auditorium, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Basic Life Support Training, Quiz and Talk on Cardiology at Columbia Asia Hospital

Mysuru, Oct. 26 (KS) - Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, had organised a corporate quiz and a talk on Cardiology and a Basic Life Support training session by Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy and Dr. Sasirekha at the Hospital premises recently.

Around 65 people participated in the corporate quiz and about 100 people attended the health awareness session.

Basic Life Support (BLS) is the level of medical care which is used for victims of life-threatening illnesses or injuries until they can be given full medical care at a Hospital.

It can be provided by a common man who has received BLS training. BLS is generally used in the pre-hospital setting, and can be provided without medical equipment. In such perilous times people should be aware of the life-saving skills as we never know when an emergency may occur.

In the training session, participants got to experience on how to provide BLS.

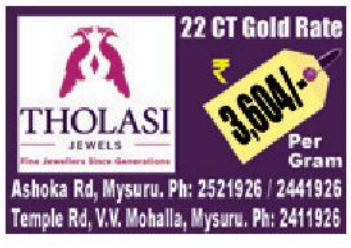
Corporates like Infosys, RMP-BARC, CFTRI, L&T, Wipro, Mypol, BEML, Automotive Axle, Bioclinica, Finitiatives Learning India (FLIP), Thought Focus, SKF, AT&S, Frauscher Sensor Technology and Reckitt Benckiser participated in the quiz.

RMP - BARC representatives Mahesha and Balachandra won the first place followed by BEML representatives Venkatkrishna and Senthil at the second place.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy, Chief Interventional Cardiologist, Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru said, "Embracing a healthy lifestyle can prevent heart disease and lower the risk of a heart attack or stroke. Sedentary lifestyle and increased stress contributes to heart attack among young population."

Continuing, he said "Making positive changes in one of the following seven areas which include losing weight/maintaining a healthy weight, eating healthy, staying active, managing blood pressure, reducing blood sugar, quitting smoking and controlling cholesterol can make a drastic difference in your health. Small changes in the routine by following a healthy diet, increasing physical activity and abstaining from smoking, among others can make a difference on heart health and reduce the risk of heart disease."

Dr. Sasirekha, Interventional Cardiologist, Columbia Asia Hospital Mysuru, said "Heart diseases are affecting a significant population today. The number one cause of death among women and men are heart-related disease. While the statistics are eye-opening, the good news is that simple lifestyle changes can help you avoid, or even slow down, heart-related problems."



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